

Historical and Cultural Affairs

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News

Native-American heritage to be spotlighted at division museums during September 2016

Programs on Delaware's Lenape and Nanticoke Indian tribes to be featured.

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Lenape fancy dancer. The Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware will be celebrating its heritage with drums, songs and dancing on Sept. 3, 2016.

Free admission beginning Aug. 31, 2016 for "Lost off Lewes: The British warship DeBraak"

Tours explore the surviving hull section of an 18th-century shipwreck.

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Division's exhibit of World War II photographs moves to the Middletown Historical Society

Exhibit features photographs taken by Dover, Del. native William D. Willis from 1943 to 1945.

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"Listen Up!": How About Something Different?

Division's spoken-word program to explore Native-American themes on Sept. 3, 2016.

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Help Save Delaware History

Kara Briggs joins the division staff as an architectural historian

New employee will serve in the State Historic Preservation Office.

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Fort Dupont project combines waterfront development with historic preservation

WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—Aug. 19, 2016

Site originally built for coastal defense during the American Civil War.

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Grants for historic preservation

National Park Service now accepting applications for African American Civil Rights Grants.

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“Preserving Our Past for a Better Future: Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2013–2017”

Document provides a roadmap for focusing on the broad goals and needs of Delaware's preservation community.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related article have recently appeared in the media:

[11 ways you can still savor summer with these lesser-known national parks](#)

Washington Examiner, D.C.—Aug. 17, 2016

Article includes information on the First State National Historical Park.

[Two new exhibits to open at museum in Middletown](#)

Middletown Transcript, Del.—Aug. 10, 2016

“World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis: a photographic exhibit” was designed by the division.

[Listen Up Delaware](#)

The Delaware Way, KJWP TV, Wilmington, Del.—Aug. 8, 2016

Television segment explores the division’s spoken-word program which is designed to teach young people about Delaware history.

[Enlighten Me: Reopening Fort Christina](#)

WDDE Radio, Dover, Del.—July 29, 2016

Park re-opened through partnership between the division, the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation and the First State National Historic Park.

[Mended clothing helps mend lives in Delaware](#)

News Journal, Wilmington, Del.—July 16, 2016

Buena Vista Conference Center was a partner in the program.

Articles on Abbott’s Mill

Division leases the historic mill building to the Delaware Nature Society.

[Fall Weather Brings Play Back Home](#)

Milford LIVE, Del.—Aug. 21, 2016

[Abbott’s Mill Nature Center celebrates 35 years](#)

Delaware State News, Dover, Del.—Aug. 17, 2016

Events

Wednesday, Aug. 31

[Weaving Wednesday](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Wednesdays and Thursdays, Aug. 31; Sept. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29

[Lost Off Lewes: Tours of the British Warship DeBraak](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Sept. 3

[The First People of the First State: A Lenape Celebration of Heritage](#) – The Green, Dover

[Lenape Drums on The Green](#) – The Green, Dover

[Battlefield Memorial Ceremony](#) – Pencader Heritage Museum

[Trades of the Plantation: Plaster-Casting](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

Saturday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 5

[Man's Best Friend](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

Monday, Sept. 5

[Labor Day](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum, Old State House, John Dickinson Plantation, New Castle Court House Museum and the Zwaanendael Museum will be open

[Post Cards of Dover](#) – The Old State House

[The Long Road to Recognition](#) – The Old State House

Wednesday, Sept. 7

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, Sept. 10

[Trades of the Plantation: Weaving](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Delaware State Parks: Time Travelers](#) – The Old State House

[Demonstrations by the Thistledown Fiber Arts Guild](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Annual Lafayette's Birthday Party](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

[Lighthouse Sunset Cruise](#) – Lewes Harbor

Sunday, Sept. 11

[Land Grants in Mill Creek Hundred](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Wednesday, Sept. 14

[1779-1780: War and Politics](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, Sept. 17

[Trades of the Plantation: Blacksmithing](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[We ARE Still Here!](#) – The Old State House

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Saturday, Sept. 24

[Historic Claymont Tour](#) – Claymont

[Trades of the Plantation: Smokehouse](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Surviving Invasion: The First People of the First State](#) – The Old State House

[Songs and Stories: Oral Traditions of Delaware's Native Peoples](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Thru Jan. 28, 2017

[Wine and Spirits in Delaware: Producing, Preserving, and Presenting](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Thru August 2017

[World War II Through the Lens of William D. Willis](#) – Middletown Historical Society

Ongoing

[Discovering Delaware's Maritime Past](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Emeline Hawkins: Her Journey from Slavery to Freedom on the Underground Railroad](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation



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